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William Ward, Director of Permitting & Inspections

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH Zoom Conference Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Attending: *Caroline Tassey, William Ward, Celia Bird, Mary Hart, Ian McHale, Julie Hathaway, Celeste Crowley*

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Tassey at 6:33 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of July Minutes	a. May Agenda – Approved with amendment of item 7. Adding 7c- Releaf Collective. b. April Minutes – Approve as written	Ian motioned, Mary 2 nd . Approved Mary motioned, Ian 2 nd . Approved
2. Public Forum	We had two members of the public joining us to observe the Board of Health. They are interested in becoming BOH board members.	
3. Pesticide Applications and Products a. Burlington Electric b. Burlington Parks & Rec	a. Burlington Electric Mike Flora joined the meeting to explain the use of pesticides needed inside the gated generator station at the McNeil plant. They use a licensed company because it is critical to keep the weeds from growing in and under the station as the roots damage the currents flow and transfer it above ground. They have tried natural remedies such as vinegar to no avail.	Ian motioned; Julie 2 nd All in favor

	<p>Celia asked if a licensed applicator was involved in the decision to use the Rodeo Solution? Yes, they were.</p> <p>Julie mentioned that weeds inside the station puts the employees at risk. The eradication of the weeds would mean less time needed for employees to be inside the fenced area.</p> <p>Ian asked; considering the relationship McNeil has with the interval, has there ever been issues with this product? No, not to date.</p> <p>Ian moved to approve the BED pesticide application.</p> <p>b. Burlington Parks & Rec</p> <p>The general discussion was that the application was missing details as the department has not solidified their process and have not worked out the best way to block the areas to be treated so that the public and animals cannot rub against the treated plants.</p> <p>It is a high traffic area on the bike path and a big concern is children and pets touching the treated plants.</p> <p>Parks & Rec will come back to the Board with a solid game plan for blocking off the area, whether it can be done at night when there is less people, and the amount of time it takes for the product to “dry” or become non-toxic if touched.</p>	<p>Ian motioned; Mary 2nd All in favor</p> <p>Ian motioned to postpone decision until further plans are solidified. Julia 2nd.</p>
4. Chair Report		
<p>a. Marijuana Card</p> <p>b. Hepatitis A</p>	<p>a. Marijuana Card; The card information will be made into a flyer that will be handed out with the Parks & Rec visitor packets.</p> <p>Ian will be giving the Board of Health a list of locations where he has dropped off Marijuana Cards and Face Masks.</p> <p>b. No updates or discussion regarding Hepatitis A.</p>	

5. Eradicating Systemic Racism	<p>Bill gave an update on Tayeasha's team. Right now they are primarily focused on the Juneteenth Celebration.</p> <p>The Board is going to put together their goals for Eradicating Systemic Racism in the coming year.</p>	
6. Emerging Issues	There were no emerging issues.	
7. Budget Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gift Cards for Food Pantry b. Invoice for NE News c. Releaf Collective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gift Card donations from the Board of Health, for the Food Pantry, have been received and delivered to the Pantry. b. Invoice for NE News has been submitted for payment. c. Releaf Collective is an organization that the Board of Health had considered for a donation. After some discussion the Board members couldn't determine who the RC donates too and decided to donate \$500 to the African Americans Living in Vermont organization (AALV) this time. 	
8. Public Outreach / Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Front Porch Forum b. Mask Handout Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Front Porch Forum; Caroline will submit a post for FPF discussing the Juneteenth Celebration. b. Mask Handout Events – none at this time. 	
9. Next Meeting	Thursday, June 10, at 6:30pm	Meet via Zoom
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm	Mary motioned, Ian 2 nd .